

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING



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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial:	Complete:	XXX	Exploration:	
Inspection Date & T				
Date of Last				

Mine Name: Bear Canyon Mine County: Emery	Permit Number:
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Co-Op Mining Company	
Business Address: P.O. Box 1245, Huntington, Utah 84528	
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface	Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): <u>Charles Reynolds</u>	
State Official(s): <u>Jim Smith</u> Federal Official(s): <u>None</u>	
Weather Conditions: <u>Light snow</u>	
Existing Acreage: Permitted 1377.75 Disturbed 29.1	Regraded Seeded
Status: Active XXX	

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - a. For <u>complete inspections</u> provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - b. For <u>partial inspections</u> check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

		EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1.	PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	[X]		[X]	
2.	SIGNS AND MARKERS	<u>[X]</u>	\Box	[X]	\Box
3.	TOPSOIL	<u>[X]</u>	Π	[X]	\Box
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
	a. DIVERSIONS	[X]		[X]	Ц
	b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	[X]	\Box	[X]	\Box
	c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	[X]	\Box	[X]	П
	d. WATER MONITORING	[X]	П	[X]	\Box
	e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	[X]		[X]	\Box
5.	EXPLOSIVES	[X]	\Box	[X]	
6.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	П	[X]		П
7.	COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	[X]		Ц	\Box
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	[X]	\Box	Ц	П
9.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED				
	ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	[X]	\Box	[X]	\Box
10.	SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	[X]		П	П
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION		[X]	Ц	
12.	BACKFILLING AND GRADING		[X]	Ц	
13.	REVEGETATION	\Box	[X]	П	П
	SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	[X]	\Box	Ц	\Box
15.	CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	Ц	[X]	П	П
16.	ROADS:				
	a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	[X]	\Box	Ц	Ц
	b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	[X]	\Box	Ц	Ц
	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES		[X]	Ц	
	SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	[X]	\Box	П	Ц
	AVS CHECK (4th Quarter- April, May, June)		[X]		Ц
	AIR QUALITY PERMIT	[X]	П	[X]	П
21.	BONDING & INSURANCE	[X]	Ц	[X]	

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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

Current permit is dated November 2, 2000.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

Boundary markers were in place in all areas inspected, but snow on the ground and weather precluded inspection of the entire boundary. Some markers need to be re-secured in an upright, more visible position.

Signs at the entry, topsoil piles, and stream buffer-zones comply with the Coal Mining Rules.

3. TOPSOIL

There were no signs of erosion or disturbance at the five topsoil piles.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

Diversions were mostly filled with snow and no runoff was occurring. As far as could be determined under such conditions, all diversions were clear of debris and functionable. The entry to C-8U has been cleared. There is still a gap at the top of the connection between the outlet of the CMP and flexible pipe at C-20U, but the diversion is functionable.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

Pond B is still not certified, but should be by next week.

4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

Silt fencing, which is the BTCA at three of the ASCAs, appears to be functioning. Sediment is almost to the top of some straw bales at the ballpark. The ASCAs along the Tank Seam road, which use vegetative cover and erosion-control matting as BTCA, appear stable.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

Water monitoring for the third quarter was checked. Analyses were done for baseline constituents in conjunction with permit renewal. All sites and all parameters comply with the Mine Plan, except ammonia was not reported at two sites: Charles noted this when he reviewed the data and thinks analyses were done for ammonia on those two samples but not reported - he will contact the lab for clarification before the data are submitted to the Division.

4E. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

DMRs for the third quarter were available for inspection. No discharge was reported at any of them.

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5. EXPLOSIVES

There has been no surface blasting since 1995. There has been no underground blasting since July 2000.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

A raptor survey was completed by DWR in 2000. There are no active nests within the permit or immediately adjacent area.

20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT

The Air Quality permit, for 1.1 million tons per year, was issued in October 1999. Co-Op has filed an NOI to increase production to 2 million tons per year.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

The letter of credit that serves as the surety bond for the mine was increased to \$1,070,000 on December 4, 2000.

Inspector's Signature:

James D. Smith #43

Date: December 13, 2000

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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cc: James Fulton, OSM

Wendell Owen, Co-Op Mining

Price Field office

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